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Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Re: U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/899,372 entitled "SOLUBLE KERATIN PEPTIDE" by Van Dyke, et al. Atty. Docket No. KER020/4-005CON; Confirmation No. 3035

Sir:

Enclosed for filing in the above-referenced patent application is a Response to Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment of November 1, 2006.

The required fee of \$60.00 for a one-month extension of time is being paid electronically concurrent with this filing. No further fees are believed to be due with the filing of this paper; however, should any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 be deemed to be due for any reason, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to deduct said fee from Vinson & Elkins L.L.P. Deposit Account No. 22-0365/KER020/4-005CON.

Respectfully submitted,

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